AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (currently Amended) A device for dispensing pre-printed tickets formatted in a strip (10) including a plurality of scoring lines (11) successively delimiting the tickets, said device comprising:
 - [[the]] means of request (3) by a user for dispensing a pre-determined number of tickets,
 - [[the]] means of conveying the strip of tickets (10) from an admitter (12) toward an exit opening (19), that sets at least one set of automated opposing rollers (17,18) in motion to convey the strip (10) between them,
 - a cutting mechanism that mainly consists of a mobile cutting device (22,23) moveable between a homing position and a cutting position on the strip (10) along one of its scoring lines (11),
 - a stepping motor (20) for conveyor rollers (17,18) to route the strip (10) toward a theoretical cutting position following a determined number of steps of the stepping motor corresponding to the number of tickets required,
 - [[the]] <u>a</u> control mechanism (21) for implementation of the <u>stepping</u> motor (20) for the conveyor rollers (17,18) and the <u>cutting device eutter</u> (22), said control mechanism (21) containing [[the]] means of detection (32,33,34) of [[the]] <u>a</u> position of the strip (10) in relation to [[the]] <u>a</u> position of the <u>mobile cutting</u> device eutter (22),
 - a stepping motor (20) for conveyor rollers (17,18) to route the strip (10) toward a theoretical cutting position following a determined number of steps of the motor corresponding to the number of tickets required,
 - means for adjusting the position of the strip (10) from the theoretical cutting position toward, if necessary, a correct cutting position, said means for adjusting of adjustment containing [[the]] an initial means of memory (14) of the individual length of tickets starting from a count of the number of corresponding steps of the motor (20), characterized by the fact that it wherein the means for adjusting additionally comprises [[the]] a second means of memory (15) of a characteristic

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motif on the tickets, as well as [[the]] means of recognition (35,36) of [[that]] the characteristic motif scrolling by while the strip (10) is being routed toward the theoretical cutting position, and by the fact that wherein the motif is formed by a sequence of marks, the means of recognition [[to associate]] comprises a detection sensor (35) with these for detecting the marks as they scroll by, and [[the]] means of comparison (36) for comparing between the detected marks as they scroll by and with the motif that was previously memorized by stored in the second means of memory (15).

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- [[3]] 2. (Currently Amended) A device according to any one of the previous claims, characterized by the fact that: claim 1, wherein the cutting device comprises cutter (22,23) is a guillotine blade (22) associated with a mobile press (23) moveable between the homing position, in which the strip (10) is free, and the cutting position, in which the press (23) keeps the strip (10) in position against an opposing table (27).
- [[4]] 3. A device according to Claim [[3]] 2, characterized by the fact that:

 wherein the mobilities of the press (23) and the blade (22) are in a subordinate relationship to
 each other to trigger positioning move in a coordinated manner such that the strip (10) is
 positioned against the table prior to cutting the ticket.
- [[5]] 4. A device according to Claim [[4]] 3, eharacterized by the fact that:

 the means of mobility of wherein the press consists of an elastic component (28,29) for spontaneous maintenance of maintaining the press (23) against the table (27) in opposition to its raising by the guillotine blade (22).
- [[6]] 5. A device according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>wherein one any of the previous demands</u>, <u>characterized</u> by the fact that: the means of mobility of the guillotine blade (22) are is of the connecting rod-crank (25,26) type.
- [[7]] 6. A device according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>wherein one any of the previous claims</u>, <u>characterized by the fact that: the cutter of the cutting blade of the cutting device(22)</u> is toothed for progressive cuts of [[the]] full portions of the strip (10) included between two successive weakenings of the scoring lines (11).

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[[8]] 7. A device according to <u>claim 1</u>, <u>wherein one any of the previous claims</u>, <u>characterized by</u> the fact that: the admitter (12) is arranged as a hopper forming a guide rail and keeping the strip of tickets (10) on flat plane toward the conveyor rollers (17,18).

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[[9]] 8. A machine for interactive games equipped with a device for dispensing tickets according to claim 1, wherein the machine one any of the previous claims, characterized by the fact that:

it includes a plurality of reserves (9) of strips of specific tickets (10), to each of which a delivery device (2) is assigned.

[[10]] 9. A machine for interactive games according to Claim [[9]] 8, characterized by the fact that: it is also equipped with wherein the machine further comprises means for collection (3), display (6) and interactive communication (7) with a remote communications center (8) for registration with this the remote communications center (8) of data relating to at least one game of chance selected by the user and for registering and displaying the results of this the game of chance originating from the remote communications center (8).